

The Niagara Movement at Harpers Ferry

The Cornerstone of the Modern Civil Rights Era **A Centennial Commemoration**

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park
Harpers Ferry, West Virginia
August 17-20, 2006

Thursday, August 17, 2006

3:00 pm

Official Opening Ceremony and Unveiling of the
Niagara Movement West Virginia State Historical
Marker - Du Bois Tent

7:00 - 7:45 pm

Welcoming Ceremony - Murray Stage
Music by the Shiloh Baptist Church Gospel Choir,
Washington, DC - Murray Stage
(Inclement weather site- Du Bois Tent)

4:00 - 5:30 pm

"J.R. Clifford & the Carrie Williams Case"
Dramatic Re-enactment of the Landmark 1898
West Virginia Civil Rights Decision
Curtis Freewill Baptist Church
Free Tickets Required

8:00 - 8:45 pm

Dramatic Presentation "Women of Niagara" by
Donzaleigh Abernathy, Actress, Author,
Daughter of Rev. Ralph David Abernathy.
Also appearing are Juandalynn Abernathy, singer
and sister to Donzaleigh, and Dar Dixon, actor
Du Bois Tent

7:30 - 9:00 pm

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9:00 - 10:15 pm

African American Music in the Age of Niagara
Dr. Michael White's New Orleans Jazz Ensemble
Murray Stage (Inclement weather site - Du Bois
Tent)

Friday, August 18, 2006

5:00 - 10:00 pm

Harpers Ferry Historical Association Sales Tent
Lawn
Great Blacks in Wax Exhibit - Mather First Floor
The Niagara Movement & 20th Century Civil
Rights Workers - Curtis Freewill Baptist Church

5:30 pm

Catered Reception sponsored by National Parks
Conservation Association with music
by Howard Burns Ensemble - Food Court

6:45 - 7:00 pm

Gospel Prelude - The Shiloh Baptist Church
Gospel Choir, Washington, DC - Murray Stage
(Inclement weather site- Du Bois Tent)

Activities in the Clifford Youth Discovery Tent Friday 7:00 - 9:00 pm

"Freedom Quilt" Join an artist and contribute a square
to the "Freedom Quilt". The quilt squares will portray
the ideas of young people in response to the question,
"What Does Freedom Mean?"

"Freedom House" Help to build the "Freedom House."
Using blocks of wood, write a word or phrase on the
block that answers the question, "What are the build-
ing blocks of freedom?" Over the course of the week-
end the blocks will be assembled to build a "Freedom
House."

Please note the schedule is subject to change

Saturday, August 19, 2006

9:00 - 10:30 am

Descendants Reception sponsored by the Bank of Charles Town - Harpers Ferry Center Patio

10:00 am - 9:00 pm

USPS Cancellation Kiosk - Lawn - closes at 5 p.m.
Harpers Ferry Historical Association Sales Tent - Lawn
Food Court - Harpers Ferry Center Entry Area
Great Blacks in Wax Exhibit - Mather First Floor
Du Bois Documentary - Mather Second Floor
Niagara Exhibit - Curtis Freewill Baptist Church
Hershaw Gathering Tent - Mather Lot
The Niagara Movement & 20th Century Civil Rights Workers - Curtis Freewill Baptist Church

10:00 - 10:45 am

Musical Prelude - Howard Burns Ensemble - Murray Stage (Inclement weather site Du Bois Tent)

11:00 - 11:45 am

Welcome and Keynote Address
Dr. David Levering Lewis, Professor of History at NYU, Two-Time Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author
Du Bois Tent

11:45 - 12:00 pm

"Cornerstone Program: A Battle for all Americans"
Children's Program highlighting the significance of the Niagara Movement - Du Bois Tent

12:00 - 12:30 pm

Music in the Food Court - Howard Burns Ensemble

12:30 - 1:15 pm

"Reverdy C. Ransom & The Spirit of John Brown"
Fred Morsell as Reverdy C. Ransom, Actor, Historian, Author - Du Bois Tent

1:30 - 2:30 pm

Gospel Concert - The Dixie Hummingbirds
Murray Stage (Inclement weather site Du Bois Tent)

1:30 - 2:15

Storer College History Series - Rev. John William Dungy - Dr. Peggy Brooks Bertram, Professor African American Studies, University of Buffalo
Curtis Freewill Baptist Church

3:00 - 4:30 pm

Panel Discussion: "The Problem of the Twentieth Century will be the Problem of the Color Line: Breaking Barriers in America" - Du Bois Tent

Panelists:

Juanita Abernathy, widow of Civil Rights leader
Rev. Ralph David Abernathy

Rev. Walter Fauntroy, Civil Rights pioneer and first D.C. Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives

Dr. Eddie Henderson, first African American to compete in the National Figure Skating Championships

Monte Irvin, pioneer in breaking color barrier in major league baseball, member of the National Baseball Hall of Fame

Cheryl White, first African American female professional jockey

Joseph Wilder, barrier breaking African American musician who helped to integrate Broadway

4:00 - 5:00 pm

Sorrow Songs, Protest Songs and the Souls of Black Folks - Dr. MaryNell Morgan, Empire State College, New York - Curtis Freewill Baptist Church

4:30 - 5:30 pm

Book and CD Signing and Reception - featuring authors and artists - Mather Lawn

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Breaking Barriers in America: Music by The World Famous Count Basie Orchestra, Directed by William H. Hughes, featuring debut of original Niagara Movement Centennial Score, *Niagara Suite*, written and conducted by Dr. Frank Foster
Murray Stage
(Inclement weather site- Du Bois Tent)

9:15 - 10:00 pm

Scotty Barnhart Quartet, featuring special guest musicians - Du Bois Tent

8:00 - 10:00 pm Music at Bolivar Heights featuring the Preservation Hall Jazz Band

Location: Washington Street in Bolivar

Activities in the Clifford Youth Discovery Tent

10:00 -noon, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, and 7:00 - 9:00 pm

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10:00-10:30 am “Freedom Timeline” Discover some of the people and events that played a role in ending slavery and securing equality for African Americans by becoming a part of a living timeline.

10:45 - 11:30 am “Laying the Cornerstone of the Modern Civil Rights Era”

This is your chance to make history! Participants will practice to take part in the Niagara Cornerstone Ceremony that will honor the 1906 Niagara members by placing bricks bearing the their names in a cornerstone of the modern civil rights era. Some speaking parts available.

12:30 - 1:15 pm “The Evolution of Music at the Time of the Niagara Movement” Dr. Michael White, Xavier University

1:30 - 2:00 pm “What Would Dr. Du Bois Do?”
In his “Address to the Country,” Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois outlined five points necessary for the achievement of equal rights for African Americans. Discover how these points relate to events of today.

2:30 - 3:15 pm “Magpie” musical performance

4:00 - 5:30 pm “I Am One; Send Me!” A theatrical musical production about the Life of “Miss Jennie” - Jane Serepta Dean

This production is presented by Creative and Performing Arts Center, Inc. Woodbridge, Virginia

Sunday, August 20, 2006

6:00 - 6:45 am

Meet at Visitor Center for transport to Murphy Farm.

6:00 - 7:15 am

Coffee Reception – Gathering Tent – Murphy Farm sponsored by the Town of Harpers Ferry

7:30 - 8:30 am

Pilgrimage to John Brown’s Fort
Please wear comfortable shoes for Pilgrimage.
If there is inclement weather a tent will be erected.

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

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10:30 - 11:30 am

Memorial Service – Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Scott
Du Bois Tent

12:00 - 1:00 pm

Odetta - Songs of Freedom & Inspiration
Murray Stage
(Inclement weather site- Du Bois Tent)

1:00 - 2:00 pm

Music on Harpers Ferry Center Patio
Howard Burns Ensemble

1:30 - 2:30 pm

Reflections of W.E.B. DuBois - Du Bois Tent

Dr. David Levering Lewis, Professor of History at NYU, Two-Time Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author

Dr. Du Bois Irvin, Granddaughter of W.E.B. DuBois

Moderator, Dr. Lawrence Hogan, Professor of History, Union County College

2:45 - 4:00 pm

Music by Delfeayo Marsalis Quintet
Murray Stage
(Inclement weather site- Du Bois Tent)

3:45 - 4:00 pm

Closing Ceremony - Presentation of Niagara
Centennial Plaque followed by gathering for
centennial photograph on Mather Lawn

For further information call 304-535-6298
or visit the park website at
www.nps.gov/hafe

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1:00 - 2:00 pm Douglass, Du Bois & Ransom - How Did They Change Our Lives?

Join acclaimed actor Fred Morsell as he discusses the impact that Frederick Douglass, W.E.B. Du Bois, and Reverdy Ransom had on our lives.

2:30 - 3:00 pm What Would Dr. Du Bois Do?

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